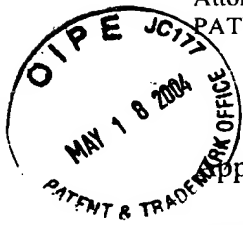


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CAPACITANCE SENSOR COMPONENT, OBJECT MOUNTING BODY
AND OBJECT MOUNTING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the official Office Action dated November 18, 2003, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please see the Claim Summary Document attached hereto.

REMARKS

In response to the official Office Action dated November 18, 2003, Applicant provides the following remarks.

Claims 1-9 and 23-25 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1, 17 of Hiroshima et al. US Patent 6,335,642 in view of Poduje et al. US Patent 4,918,376. The claims are also rejected under the same combination under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Both of these rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is directed to an electrostatic capacitance sensor, including an electrostatic capacitance detector, an operational amplifier, a signal line, an alternating-current signal generator and a shield. The electrostatic capacitance detector includes a detecting electrode having a detecting portion for detecting an object to be detected and an introducing portion for introducing an electrode to the detecting portion. The shield electrode is connected to the